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UFO INQUIRY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
NICAP Asks Right to Question Air Force

Urging the immediate end of UFO censorship, NICAP has warned the UFO Subcommittee that Berlin-crisis tension is increasing two dangers from official secrecy:

1. The risk of accidental war, from mistaking UFO formations for a Soviet sneak attack. In 1958, the AF admitted that Strategic Air Command bombers had more than once been launched against Russia when defense radar tracked mysterious objects "in seeming formation which never have been identified." The errors were caught, but the hazard is far greater today.

2. The danger that the Soviet Government may, in a critical moment, **falsely** claim the UFOs as secret Russian weapons against which our defenses are helpless.

The NICAP warning was given to the House Majority Leader, Congressman John W. McCormack, Chairman Overton Brooks of the Science and Astronautics Committee, who set up the UFO Subcommittee, and the Subcommittee chairman, Congressman Joseph E. Karth. In addition, NICAP submitted a special plan which, if agreed to by Chairman Brooks and the subcommittee, would bring speedy release of all UFO information withheld by the Air Force and would block any further secrecy.

This action followed a decision that the UFO inquiry sessions will be closed to the press and public.

Though the creation of the UFO Subcommittee leaked out in June, strenuous efforts are being made to avoid publicity about the inquiry. Both Chairman Brooks and his executive director, Charles F. Ducander, have told questioners there are no plans for hearings. A Congressional leader informed NICAP that "this is technically correct since this is an inquiry, but there is only a fine line between this and an investigation."

In addition, there have been attempts on Capitol Hill to deny even the existence of the UFO Subcommittee, despite previous admissions to Washington correspondents Bulkley Griffin and Paul Scott and Newsweek.

The creation of the UFO Subcommittee was personally confirmed to NICAP's director by the House Majority Leader, Congressman McCormack, who was chiefly responsible for the setting up of this committee. McCormack stated that Congressman Karth was the subcommittee chairman.

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During this discussion, Congressman McCormack also disclosed that the inquiry probably would be held in executive session, for fear public sessions might contribute to national uneasiness. Since then, a similar fear has been expressed by Chairman Brooks, with a decision against open meetings. (Documentation in NICAP possession.)

As AF representatives already have been heard by the Subcommittee, there is undoubtedly heavy pressure against publicity. To offset any fears of public alarm, and to prevent the closed sessions from keeping the facts from the public, NICAP has submitted the following plan to Congressman Brooks and the Subcommittee:

NICAP SPEEDS UP OPERATIONS

Thanks to the loyal members who are rallying to our emergency letter, NICAP will go on—with a new stepped-up drive for the UFO facts. Details on p. 2. New Special Article Series begins on p. 4. The Truth Behind the Attack on NICAP, p. 8.

A. NICAP Board and staff members will present to the Subcommittee, **in the presence of** designated AF representatives, proof that the Air Force has withheld, denied or untruthfully explained specific UFO visual and/or radar reports by trained, competent and reliable observers. NICAP will present specific, documented proof that the AF has given contradictory, misleading and untrue statements to Members of Congress, press media and the public. In presenting this secrecy evidence, NICAP will be permitted to have witnesses in key cases called by the Subcommittee.

B. The Subcommittee will require the AF representatives to answer fully all NICAP questions regarding the claims indicated in Paragraph A. (Exceptions: Classified aircraft speeds, radar equipment details, In[illegible] procedures, and the identity [illegible]s who specifically refuse to r[illegible] their names.)

C. The Air Force representatives will similarly be permitted to question NICAP, and NICAP officials will answer fully except in the few instances where persons involved refuse to release their names.

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Strange Flying Object Over Base, Tyndall AFB Tells HQ

For 90 minutes, in the early hours of May 20, 1961, Tyndall Air Force Base was under observation by a strange, round object, glowing orange-white, which maneuvered over the Drone (pilotless aircraft) Launching Site.

During this time, the UFO was tracked by two AF radar stations. Its prolonged maneuvers were observed by members of the 4756th Air Police Squadron and the assistant to the base UFO officer. After attempted interceptions by a jet and a helicopter, the unidentified object climbed away from the base and disappeared.

To date, the AF has kept this UFO surveillance from the public, but NICAP now has in its possession a five-page AF report, complete with names, details and action taken, including a "mission report" by Capt. Paul F. Vandergriff, the helicopter pilot. A condensed account of the five-page report follows:

Time and date of sighting 0250 hours (2:50 a.m.) 20 May 1961. Base weather report -- clear, 10 miles visibility.

Report from Post #13, by Airman Garland L. Henson, Air Police: At about 0250, May 20, 1961, sighted orange colored light alternately descending to treetop level and climbing at high speeds. When the UFO was nearest Post No. 13, Henson's radio temporarily failed, apparently from electro-magnetic interference generated by the device. Radio contact was made with Tyndall Operations at about 0300.

The UFO report from Post 13 was relayed to M/Sgt. Henry J. Lacour, assistant to the Base UFO officer, Capt. Allan E. Aaronson. At 0300 Lacour went to Post 13 and observed the UFO alternately hovering and climbing about the base. At 0330, complying with AF Reg. 200-2 for immediate reporting of UFOs, M/Sgt. Lacour put in a call to Major Robert Friend, chief of Project Blue Book, ATIC (Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Phone numbers listed in the report: Clearwater 3-7111, extension 69216 or 66378. When Lacour found Major Friend was unavailable, he gave the UFO report to the Officer of the Day.

Report of S/Sgt. Cecil L. Mallett, Air Police: Received radio call from Post 13, Drone Launch Site, three miles

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EDITORIAL

It is impossible to give adequate thanks to the loyal members who kept NICAP from going under in July. We wish we could meet and thank each one personally, not only for their financial help but also for the many heart-warming telegrams, phone calls and letters, such as:

"Hang on, help is coming . . . NICAP is our greatest hope for getting the truth; we won't let you fail . . . we're backing you to finish the job . . ."

As an immediate result, the most urgent bills have been paid. Second, the Investigator has been put on regular schedule. This issue replaces the overdue June-July number. Next month, the August-September issue will report all late developments. In October, the Oct.-Nov. issue; in December, the Dec.-Jan. issue, and every two months thereafter.

To achieve this, we have earmarked funds for the next three issues and necessary payments on bills, counting on steady income to cover other operating costs and future publications.

About 25% of our members responded to our financial-emergency letter. Some, on vacation, received it too late; they and others in the 75% group have told us that if NICAP is definitely going on they will help to back us by renewals, securing new members or by donations.

We believe this issue shows what majority support can and will do. Freed from fear of immediate failure, NICAP has become revitalized. Under a new policy, we are exploring every promising source for hidden facts about UFOs, regardless of Congressional action. Special features, requested by many members, will appear in every issue. If the majority of our members back us, we will also have clerical help to launch three important projects, delayed by lack of funds.

With regular publications assured, along with our new plans for probing the UFO mystery, we are confident that most of our members will back us with steady support -- as effectively as those who saved us from disaster in July. In return we shall do our utmost to carry out your wishes and learn the answers for which we all have been working.

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D. If the AF representatives refuse to attend a joint meeting, or to answer the specific questions indicated, NICAP will urge the Subcommittee to offer the Air Force the alternative of sessions open to the press and public.

E. If the Subcommittee decides, after hearing AF and NICAP evidence and answers, that the Air Force has withheld, denied or wrongly explained specific UFO reports, and that it has withheld UFO information from or given untrue answers to Members of Congress, the press and public, then it will ask that they act to reduce the secrecy dangers by ending the censorship.

If, however, the Air Force representatives in these joint sessions can disprove all of NICAP's documented evidence and claims, as cited in Paragraph A, then NICAP's director will resign and recommend that the Board of Governors dissolve the organization. He will also agree to cease all public and written discussion of UFOs and criticism of the AF policies.

F. If the Subcommittee decides to end AF secrecy, NICAP will request that a new agency, or council, be set up to insure the speedy release of all UFO information, with the immediate purpose of reducing the grave secrecy-dangers.

"It is on record," NICAP told Chairman Brooks and the UFO Subcommittee, "that President Kennedy has ordered new steps to reduce the risk of accidental war, after 'holes' were found in the system of safeguards. Dr. Marvin Stern, Assistant Director for Research and Development, Department of Defense, has said we are not giving enough consideration to the factors of stress and coincidence that might lead to war by accident.

"If Khrushchev threatens to take Berlin by force, all our U.S. and foreign military bases will be on a full alert. SAC H-bombers will be circling, ready for the 'go' signal; our Polaris and land-based missile crews will be on standby, ready to fire the long-range rockets; defense radarmen will be watching their scopes, ready for any sign of a Russian attack.

"At such a time, under tension, defense forces might again mistake fast-flying UFOs for a Soviet attack -- perhaps this time with more deadly results. To reduce the risk, confusion about UFOs in our defense forces should be immediately ended. Once informed that UFOs are not a myth, and given detailed recognition information, defense radarmen will be on guard against such possibly fatal errors."

Citing the second secrecy-danger, NICAP told Congressmen Brooks and Karth:

"On pages 5-6 of the NICAP Confidential Report sent to you in 1960, we showed, with specific details: How Khrushchev could take advantage of AF contradictions and secrecy and the recorded UFO evidence from expert U.S. observers, by falsely claiming the UFOs were secret Russian devices which could be lethal in war, and that the AF was hiding this from the American public.

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"It is of utmost importance, in view of the Berlin crisis, that the U.S. Government release its massive evidence proving to all Americans that the UFOs could not be Russian. The AF has proof that these strange devices, vastly superior to any machine now made on earth, were operating in our skies early in World War II, long before the Russians had rockets or even jets.

"If the AF delays releasing this proof, then we urge the Science and Astronautics Committee or the UFO Subcommittee to make public all of NICAP's proof that the UFOs are not Russian."

The NICAP suggestion for a new, independent information council included

1. Creation of a civilian agency by emergency legislation, or by securing an Executive Order, with authority to obtain and release immediately all UFO information in the hands of the U.S. Air Force, except the minor classified items already cited.

2. Information to be released would include all reports of unknown or so-called unidentified flying objects from Dec. 8, 1941, to date, these not to be summaries but complete reports -- visual, radar, photographic, astronomical and by all known tracking methods. The reports would include full details, opinions of witnesses, all evaluations from first Intelligence interviews to final conclusions of ATIC (Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center). Also included would be all other UFO studies or evaluations by the AF or scientists under contract; all UFO information from other sources, military, civil government, private and foreign; all official conclusions, estimates of the situation, etc., even if later modified; all orders, policy letters and any other UFO information not specifically listed.

3. The new UFO Information agency would include members of the press and broadcasting media to aid in speedy release of all the facts. The agency would include one AF consultant, to delete minor classified items, and one NICAP representative to help expedite operations. The agency could secure opinions from astronomers, space authorities and other experts, to help determine and make public more facts about the UFO situation.

In presenting the NICAP plan, the director told Congressmen Brooks and Karth:

"NICAP offers this chance to end the long UFO controversy in the best interests of the country. If we are correct, then the American people -- and our allies -- should at once be protected against the secrecy dangers. If the AF can disprove all our claims, then most of the public opposition to AF policies will end.

NICAP put on record an urgent request for Board and staff members to present detailed evidence to the Subcommittee as soon as they finish questioning the Air Force. The Board will meet at Washington in the next two weeks.

"You have seen a small cross-section of the evidence in our Confidential Re-

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UFO RECOGNITION CHARTS ISSUED TO U.S. SHIPS

Approved by the U.S. Navy, recognition charts showing two types of UFOs are now posted for quick use on the bridges of most American ships.

Designated "OPNAV-94-P-3B," and bearing the words "Authorized by the Secretary of the Navy," these early-warning recognition charts show two sketches of UFOs -- one a typical round "flying saucer," the other a bat-like space craft with ports along the side.

With the illustration of these two UFO types specifically authorized by the Secretary of the Navy, this appears to be official Navy recognition that UFOs are real, regardless of public Air Force denials.

The UFO illustrations are shown with sketches of possibly hostile ships, aircraft and missiles, for emergency reports to North American defense forces. But portraying these strange machines with hostile earthmade planes, ships and missiles should not be taken as proof that the UFOs are considered belligerent. It is more likely they were included to prevent true UFO formations from being mistaken for a Soviet missile or bomber attack.

At the top of the Navy-approved charts are these words:

Please post in Radio Room and on Bridge
FOR EARLY WARNING IN DEFENSE OF NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT
MERINT
RADIO TELEGRAPH PROCEDURE

Under "WHAT TO REPORT" are five listings, each illustrated for quick recognition: Guided Missiles; Surface Warships positively identified as not U.S. or CANADIAN; Aircraft or contrails which appear to be directed against the United States, Canada, their territories or possessions; Submarines; and Unidentified Flying Objects.

The MERINT charts give instructions for rushing emergency sighting reports, either directly or for immediate relay to the proper military destination. The following provision is added:

"The INTERNATIONAL URGENCY SIGNAL (XXX XXX XXX) may be used as an alternate to clear circuit."

The MERINT emergency reporting system was set up under JANAP-146, by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It is the naval and maritime equivalent of CIRVIS (Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings) issued to U.S. and Canadian pilots. Though NICAP knew of both systems, this is our first knowledge of the UFO recognition sketches authorized by the Secretary of the Navy.

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port," the NICAP director told Congressmen Brooks and Karth. "We are prepared to submit massive evidence, including recent, documented cases, in the suggested joint Subcommittee--AF-NICAP session. If all of NICAP's evidence were made public, we believe it would completely prove an official cover-up and increase demands for open Congressional hearings.

"NICAP has no desire, in view of the Berlin crisis, to create this situation. We respectfully urge that you adopt the suggested plan, which would end secrecy-dangers with the least public reaction. The UFO problem will eventually break into the open. It is far better to settle it now than to wait and gamble as Khrushchev deliberately increases the tension over Berlin."

Previous confirmation of AF UFO secrecy by Congressman Joseph E. Karth, UFO Subcommittee chairman, takes on new significance because of intensive AF pressure on him and Congressman Brooks to keep the inquiry closed. Karth's statement to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Neuman, NICAP members, follows:

"As a member of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics I of course have had contact with high Air Force officers and have had opportunity to hear their comments on and off the record on the subject of unidentified flying objects. Despite being confronted with seemingly unimpeachable evidence that such phenomena exist, these officers give little credence to the many reports on the matter. When pressed on specific details the experts refuse to answer on grounds that they (UFOs) are involved in the nation's security and cannot be discussed publicly. I share your interest and concern for the nation's well-being and will continue to seek a definite answer to this most important question."

Many other Congressmen agree UFO evidence should be carefully investigated. On April 3, 1961, Congressman James C. Corman, Science and Astronautics Committee, wrote Mr. and Mrs. Robert Karp, NICAP members:

"I would certainly encourage any examination of unidentified flying objects evidence if it comes before our group. I agree with you that in cases where unidentified flying objects have endangered passengers on airplanes, or otherwise imperil our national security, we should take all steps necessary to determine the nature of the objects and their sources."

It is not too late to overcome AF resistance by securing strong Congressional support for NICAP's plan or for open inquiry sessions. If you agree with NICAP's plan, ask your Congressman to urge prompt action by the UFO Subcommittee to reduce the secrecy dangers. Enclose this copy of the Investigator, or tell us when you write your Congressman and we will forward a copy immediately.

Similar letters may be sent to your Senators, urging action by the Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, which for over a year has been checking on the AF UFO investigation, after orders by Vice President (then Senator) Lyndon Johnson.

Following is a statement by Senator Benjamin A. Smith (elected in November) to NICAP Astronomer Adviser Walter N. Webb: "I feel that this (UFO) problem is one of considerable importance to the American public and has never been fully solved or explained. I would appreciate your sending me the Confidential Report to Congress."

Please write your legislators at once. The importance of such letters, at this time, cannot be overemphasized.

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Please tell your Senators and Congressmen at once if you want NICAP's plan adopted.

Several NICAP bulletins and letters to members have been returned by the Post Office Department. Please notify us of any change of address as soon as possible.

AF JET, HELICOPTER, CHASE UFO AT TYNDALL AFB *from page 1*

from Gate 2. Proceeded, parked my AF vehicle to observe the light.

Report of Airman Gary L. Kelly, Air Police: Intercepted Post 13 radio call about a "floating object." Car 3 said he would check. About 0400 I noticed a bright shining object . . . . moving west slowly. Went to Drone Launch Site, continued to watch it.

Similar report by Airman Roy C. Elmore, Air Police. Consensus by the four: Shape, round; color, rusty orange to white; no sound. UFO could move very slowly, then climb rapidly. Trail or exhaust reported by Airman Kelly.

Ground-electronic, air electronic and aircraft details:

Report by the Alert Dispatcher, A1/C Robert L. Drennan: "At 0345, Base Operations Dispatcher, A/2C Varljen, called me. He said he had a problem on a UFO. RAPCON (radar station) was painting a sighting that the Air Police had called in. ("Painting" means tracking on a radarscope.) I notified Brush Off Control (radar) and they too were painting an object 8-12 miles west of PAM. The object was at first reported 2 miles west of the TACAN, then abruptly shifted to 8-12 miles west. I notified MOADS and they scrambed a "hot fighter" to run on this object. Fighter airborne in two minutes; radar still tracking object . . . . ."

Though the jet's radar intermittently picked up the UFO, the pilot was unable to sight the object because of the jet's high speed. According to the Alert Dispatcher, Drennan, the UFO was first moving at 2-4 m.p.h, then up to 45. A helicopter, he stated, was scrambled "due to the slowness" of the UFO.

Following is a verbatim copy of the helicopter pilot's report:

MISSION REPORT

Mission Number, 61-31--Date, 20 May 1961--Time 0440C.
Origin of alert, Base Operations
Type Mission, Search. Grid Location N/A. A/C Number, N/A.
Crew Condition, N/A. Helicopter airborne 0445C. Sorties, 1. Total time, 0 hour 20 min.

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THE MYSTERY BEHIND THE PROJECT OZMA "SHUTDOWN"
NICAP To Push New Space Communication System

This is the first of a series of "Special Articles." Some, like this one, will go behind the news and will probe for the meaning of puzzling developments. Others will explore little-known or forgotten phases of the UFO mystery, or will combine new and earlier clues to try for a better understanding of the civilizations involved -- the types of beings, their worlds, and their possible motives in approaching our planet. Our aim will be to discuss all the fascinating aspects of the UFO operations, but most speculation will be based on known facts and expert opinions. We believe these "Special Articles" will not only add new interest for members, but will open up new approaches to the final solution of the UFO problem.

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The Project Ozma News Story

Three months ago, Project Ozma -- official U.S. program to communicate with other worlds -- was suddenly declared abandoned. This surprising announcement, completely reversing the Government's plans for a long-range program, was made by Dr. Otto Struve, famous astronomer and Director of the U.S. radio-astronomy observatory at Green Bank, W. Va.

In 1959, Dr. Struve startled the world when he revealed this systematic official search for other life in space -- widely publicized as "the most adventurous quest ever undertaken by science." Stating his belief that at least a million inhabited planets existed in our galaxy alone, Dr. Struve suggested that some space races probably are farther advanced than we are, and that our existence may be suspected, if not definitely known to them. He soberly insisted that we must attempt to establish communication -- at first by listening for intelligent signals or messages -- even if it takes many years.

Now, in a complete about-face, Dr. Struve states:

"I'm not sure we should even answer, if we did receive (such) signals." In effect ridiculing the project which he publicly backed with his scientific reputation, Dr. Struve adds: "When scientists ask when we will resume, I tell them to come back in 100,000 years."

The puzzle is increased by contradictory explanations of the reported shutdown:

1. Inadequate equipment. (The Project Ozma director, Dr. Frank Drake, stated in 1959 that equipment was already adequate and would be constantly improved for longer ranges.)

2. Lack of funds. (The National Science Foundation, a Government agency, agreed to maintain the long-range program. Large funds are not needed; the Green Bank observatory, built before Project Ozma, is mainly used for other purposes. Because of the tremendous benefits possible from communicating with more advanced worlds, it is incredible that the U.S. Government would refuse to cover the relatively small operating costs.)

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Recently, a well-known New York magazine told NICAP that its attempts to get the story of Project Ozma's shutdown met with evasive answers. The project scientists seemed so reluctant to be interviewed that the magazine representative gave up the planned visit to Green Bank.

Three questions arise: Is the project still operating, and if so why the secrecy? If it is closed, was it because of space messages with disturbing revelations? Is fear the reason for Dr. Struve's reversal and his sudden strange doubts about answering signals from unknown worlds?

The chance of any such danger will be weighed in this article. But its main purpose is to show the probable benefits for this world, and to urge support for a new, improved project, so that we may be ready to communicate with beings from other worlds.

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The Story Behind the News

When will we first communicate with another world?

"Success may come in 100 years -- or next week," says Dr. Frank Drake, Project Ozma director. His answer given over a year ago, is still being released at Green Bank Observatory -- though Project Ozma is said to be closed.

Long before this, Drake had dreamed -- as a scientist dreams -- of far advanced civilizations, the day when we first would make contact across the void of space. When the project search began, he was ready with questions for the first unknown world:

How do you lick cancer . . . heart disease . . . have you learned how to live without war . . . do you have spaceships . . . what do you know of the universe?

Stimulating questions -- but barely a hint of the tremendous effect on our lives, when first the messages come from an unknown world.

Even a strange code -- intelligent radio signals from space -- would electrify all on earth. At least we would have proof that we are not alone.

It is not impossible that this first dramatic contact might come on a TV screen. This might be the way, as Drake said in '59, that advanced worlds first try to communicate with other civilizations.

Pictures or signals might be beamed at our planet, said Drake, or we might intercept such messages between other worlds or their spaceships.

If an unknown world wished to show that they know we exist, they could prove it without even knowing a single

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Earth language: By beaming to us some of our own radio or TV programs, recorded by spaceship crews, satellites orbiting the earth, or by monitors on planets of the nearest stars.

What more dramatic proof than to hear, day after day, our early radio broadcasts coming from outer space: Newscasts about the New Deal . . . Hitler and the Nazis . . . the first A-bomb, mixed in with westerns, crime and soap operas. Or to see the early TV shows, now almost forgotten, coming eerily from some unknown world, or from a spaceship sent near us for this purpose.

But though such drama is possible, we must face the prospect of a slower, more difficult path to our first knowledge of other civilizations.

Perhaps a simple radio code will

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Pilot, Vandergriff, P.F., Capt.
Helicopter Crew,
Co-pilot,
Engineer, Seph, B., A1C
Med. Tech.,
Other,

Resume. Cooky 29 (flight code number) was scrambled in an attempt to intercept an unidentified flying object seen earlier in the night near the Drone Launch Site. One of the alert fighters had been scrambled on the object earlier; however, it was believed that a slower aircraft might have a better chance of identifying the object. Cooky 29 was less than five miles from the base when BRUSH-OFF reported that they were losing contact with the object. Cooky 29 returned to Tyndall at 0505C.

Paul F. Vandergriff
Capt., USAF, Alert Pilot

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According to the Tyndall AFB report, visual contact was lost after the jet landed and just before the helicopter took off, but radar (RAPCON-CPH-18) continued to track the UFO until 0510C, at which time the object was 25 miles NNW, at 5,000 feet. The report also states that BRUSH-OFF, an AF Ground Control Intercept station, tracked the unknown device between 2,000 and 10,000 feet.

The simultaneous visual and radar reports, including double confirmation by two AF radar stations, completely rule out any possibility of mirages or refractions of distant stars. The alternate hovering and high speeds also rule out balloons, normal aircraft or missiles.

This official AF report is one more item of solid proof that the true UFO story is being withheld from the public. The complete report will be given to Chairman Overton Brooks, Science and Astronautics Committee, the UFO Subcommittee, the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, and individual Members of Congress who oppose the UFO censorship.

Conlusion UFOs Are Space Ships Given SAC in 1952

A 1952 evaluation of "flying saucers" as interplanetary devices, sent to Strategic Air Command Headquarters from MacDill AFB, has been disclosed to NICAP by former Information Specialist Don Widener, one of the AF men concurring in this opinion.

The spaceship conclusion was based on numerous AF sighting reports, especially those in the MacDill area. It was drawn up by the MacDill UFO project officer, an AF Intelligence captain with whom Widener served. As a member of the project, Widener had access to official AF sighting reports, some of which have never been released.

"Captain ------- and I drafted a report to SAC Headquarters," Widener has told NICAP. "It stated that in our opinion the unknown objects were of extraterrestrial origin. I imagine that this report is still gathering dust!"

(The preceding Investigator listed one case evaluated by the MacDill project, a "hidden" sighting recently given NICAP by Widener. It described the MacDill radar tracking of a UFO at 40,000 feet and visual reports by a B-29 bomber crew ordered to chase it. The UFO, a glowing oval-shaped device, reversed course and raced off. The sighting was never explained.)

Low-Flying UFO Puts out Lights

A strange elliptical UFO which emitted clouds of smoke and affected electric lights was sighted early on the morning of February 28 near Lakeville, Mass. The UFO, moving at a low altitude and making a roaring sound, was seen by at least three witnesses at two locations 12 miles apart. The sighting has been investigated by the Boston-NICAP Subcommittee.

Adviser Walter N. Webb, astronomy lecturer at Charles Hayden Planetarium and Chairman of the Subcommittee stated in the evaluation report:

"The strange unearthly appearance and behavior of this object place it in the UFO category. Of particular interest is the apparent electromagnetic (E-M) effects, during its passage, which resulted in the failure of electric house lights. Whatever this UFO was it was not anything conventional or astronomical." (Compare Tyndall Air Force base sighting for another recent instance of E-M effects.)

The UFO was sighted about 3:20 a.m. by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blackwood of Lakeville. On hearing a roaring noise in the sky they looked out their window and observed an eerie elongated object, bright yellow with a dark red edge and surrounded by "black smoke," which was visible low in the northeast sky. The UFO was "rolling back and forth" rapidly and moving slowly toward the southwest. As it passed over the house the bedroom was illuminated like daylight. The lights which had been left on in the kitchen dimmed and then went out. The Blackwoods rushed to a south window and watched the object continue on its course. It was visible about 5 minutes. After it passed, the house-lights came on again.

Mr. & Mrs. Blackwood observed a second pass of the UFO a few minutes later after hurrying outdoors. The house-lights again faded out and the pair detected an odor similar to "fat burning" as the UFO passed overhead. Later the object was visible a third time at a greater distance.

About 12 miles to the south a third witness in New Bedford, who reported his sighting to the Standard-Times, heard a loud noise at 3:15 a.m. and saw a barrel-like object with "black clouds" at each end.

"It bobbed up and over," said the observer, "like a bobber on a fishline," giving off a blinding light as it moved slowly from west to east. At 3:30 the UFO disappeared, heading south toward Fairhaven.

Coming in the September issue: Full report on the secret inquiry and all latest developments; important "hidden sightings," one showing pressure on airline pilots; inside story of the AF jam over Tacker's book; significant points from unpublished letters by Capt. Ruppelt; another special article; latest plans by the NICAP Board; a question-and-answer column, and other new features.

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come first. We could reply -- then wait years for an answer. But scientists suggest possible short-cuts. One, that satellites carrying a mass of taped information, may be sent by advanced worlds to orbit distant inhabited planets. When we, on Earth, finally recognized such an artificial device and tried to signal it, we would trigger the release of all the taped messages. Once we broke the code, we would learn the fascinating history of the unknown world.

Other short-cuts: Messages from UFOs, or from spaceships or bases in our solar system.

But even if a long time-gap existed, daily or weekly transmissions between us and the unknown planet would eventually bring the first answers -- and a wealth of information would begin to flow between our two worlds.

Imagine, for a moment, a vastly improved Project Ozma, with a dozen stations, beaming both radio and TV into space, other powerful stations methodically checking, day and night, the most likely star systems, as well as our own planets.

Then the first break . . . the first question, the first answer . . . then, slowly or quickly, the growing, exciting picture of a newly-found world. Descriptions, or pictures of its civilization, its industry, the strangeness of its life-- and, most important of all, the beings on that world.

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Dr. Drake, earlier, said he believed advanced space races would be altruistic. If his belief has changed, he has not made it public.

But Struve, inexplicably, has reversed his first firm stand.

If there were real cause for fear, it should not be concealed. Openly examined, the suspected threat might prove no threat at all. If there is danger, we should be told, given time to prepare -- as we now are told to prepare for a possible World War III. But we have not even hard a "grapevine" hint of any such threat from space.

That scientists should fear possible danger, with no grounds at all, seems incredible.

If this is the answer, why are we trying to land on the moon, on Mars, Venus, and some day more distant planets? There will always be prophets of doom; in 1492 a terrible fate was predicted for Columbus and his crew. But it is man's nature to accept danger as he explores. Even if we hid on our planet, abandoning all our space plans, we could not escape eventual meetings with beings from other worlds.

We must do all in our power now to reach and know those unknown civilizations. The stakes are too great to ignore. We cannot cover our ears; we cannot refuse to listen for the messages that some day may magically transform our world and the lives of all of us.

As Drake has said, it might take a hundred years.

But it could happen tomorrow.

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Or perhaps this might be delayed. If they know we differ too much, they might wait, let us see their technical progress, their arts, let us hear their music, waiting in the wings while they build up our realization of a peaceful, cultured race.

If they were too strange, seeing them would be a shock -- as seeing us would shock them. But over a long period, we might slowly prepare for a trial meeting. If they were humanoid, it would be easier. From the trial meeting, could come the great adventure -- first contact on earth with other-world creatures, our spacemen on their planet, an exchange of knowledge, with probable benefits we cannot even imagine.

But even if we never met -- if our physical differences, or some other great barrier prevented -- we still could learn, by constant two-way interchange, new ways to health, to longer life, new sources of power, perhaps even of other planets where beings like us exist.

Once a fantastic dream, this is now a reasonable possibility -- if we work for it!

But what if there might be danger? What if we answered signals from a hostile race, putting the earth in peril?

Not long ago, a prominent space scientist warned, almost violently, against trying to signal other worlds. We must not blindly believe all space races friendly; we could be attacked, enslaved or worse. To them, he said grimly, we might be "the finest beef animals."

EX-AF PILOT HITS UFO "EXPLANATION"

Former AF bomber pilot Ernest Stadvec, now owner of an Akron flying service, has denounced the Air Force's hurried attempt to explain away his recent encounter with a UFO.

On the night of July 4, 1961, Stadvec was flying with two other pilots near Akron when a brilliantly glowing object dived at their plane.

"I thought it was going to ram us," Stadvec reported later. He said that the strange object stopped suddenly and climbed away at tremendous speed.

On the following night, Stadvec sighted a similar flying device while approaching Cleveland Hopkins Airport. When he called the airport tower he was told that they too were watching the unknown object, which was clearly visible because of its greenish glow. Tower operators had no explanation as to what it was.

Later, the airport Operations Supervisor, John N. Gieb, told the press that the object also had been tracked by airport radar operators. He said it flared up on the radarscopes, then disappeared in a few minutes -- at the same time that Stadvec reported the UFO was streaking up out of sight.

The first public reports of the UFO sightings and tracking did not appear until the evening of July 7. Without even calling Stadvec or Cleveland Airport to check the facts, the AF rushed out an answer, releasing it through Major Robert Friend, chief of the AF UFO Project Blue Book, at Wright-Patterson AFB.

Avoiding any mention of the airport radar and visual confirmation, and the UFO's close approach as described by the other pilots, Major Friend said Stadvec evidently had been misled by the star Capella. Atmospheric refraction, he stated, probably caused the star's unusual appearance. The Project chief admitted he had no weather data to back up this explanation. Despite this, the Capella answer was immediately released by the AF for national publication.

Stadvec, a B-29 bomber pilot in World War II, bluntly labeled the AF answer as "grabbing for straws." He added:

"I have been flying since 1942, and I operate a flying business that requires us to fly day and night in all types of weather. Over the years I have seen many falling stars and other atmospheric phenomena. The object we saw was no star or refraction."

The other pilots fully agreed with Stadvec. They confirmed that the UFO had dived at the plane while it was in level flight at 4,000 feet, that it had abruptly reversed course and climbed away at terrific speed. Summing up the facts in a statement relayed to several Congressmen and the UFO Subcommittee, Stadvec sharply criticized the answer given the press by the Project Blue Book chief.

"Why didn't he take the time to investigate before making any statement at all?" Stadvec demanded.

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INCREASED UFO OBSERVATION SHOWN BY REPORTS

In the past three months, UFO sightings have steadily increased. Verified reports include an RAF-confirmed sighting over Scotland; an AF-UFO chase over New York state; appearance of a mystery satellite, and a "flying saucer" report by the crew of a Comet jet airliner. A digest of typical sightings follows:

April 20-21; Ontario & Saskatchewan, Canada -- A bright blue-white light which moved from E to W about 2:30 a.m. (EST), hovering at one point, was reported to NICAP by J.A. Murphy, technician for CHCH-TV, Stoney Creek, Ont. At 1:30 a.m. the morning before, in Regina, Sask., (over 300 miles to the west) Lyall Winlaw, newscaster for CKCK, and his wife saw seven hovering bright yellow UFOs, which suddenly shot away toward the NW. Mr. Winlaw told the Regina Leader-Post (April 20): "These objects I saw were like nothing I've ever seen."

April 22; Anaheim, Calif. -- Three Anaheim residents reported the sighting of a "whirling blue-green object" in the skies over Anaheim at 4 p.m. The object, according to Emery Kender of 747 Eugene Pl., seemed to be shaped similar to a fan, with a whitish cone on the top resembling "the tower on a castle."

Kender said he, his wife and neighbor Andy Vince watched the object for about 15 minutes through binoculars. The object, which he said resembled no aircraft or other aerial conveyance he had ever seen, spun higher and higher as the trio watched it, until it finally vanished from sight.

April 23; Manitowoc, Wisc. -- A Milwaukee Journal employee, Thomas Wisniewski, sighted a revolving dull gray disk-like object silhouetted against the sky about 1:45 a.m. (CST) moving slowly from E to W. A sound like "rushing wind" could be heard.

May 4; Oil City, Pa.-- Mr. and Mrs. Al Weingard and others sighed a missile-like object about 8:30 p.m. which appeared to be controlled. As Mr. Weingard described it to the News-Herald:

"At first it appeared like a quarter moon, but as it moved closer, it took the shape of a missile. It changed in color from a bright fire-red to orange and then a darker orange as it passed over the area. There also seemed to be a large ball-like section in the nose of the vehicle and about every ten seconds, a light would flash on and off in the nose cone. The higher it climbed (towards the WNW), the longer it appeared in shape." The UFO was visible 5-6 minutes.

Two hours later in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, (about 80 miles to the west) Bertha M. Kinkoff, John Carroll Univ. biology student, and her father observed a very bright yellow-white UFO moving from E to W.

May 5; Athol, Mass. -- An unidentified whitish light which moved back and forth making sharp angle turns, and dropped progressively lower until out of sight behind trees, was sighted for about 20 minutes beginning at 10:10 p.m. by five witnesses at the railroad depot. One of the witnesses, Delano Demarest, filed a report with NICAP. Mr. Demarest said the UFO moved much more rapidly than a jet.

May 10; Syracuse, N.Y. -- Two F-101 jets from Griffis AFB were sent to chase a "mysterious light" moving across the sky. Several UFOs in a group were reported over Ohio same night about 9:30 p.m.

May 11 Lake Worth, Fla. -- NICAP member Jeffrey Niehaus and a school teacher in a separate location sighted a brilliant UFO which first hovered, then shot upwards at tremendous speed. The teacher said in a report to NICAP: "It ascended at a speed greater than anything I have ever witnessed."

May 13; Capt. R.A. Ainsworth, commander of an East African Airways Comet jet reported that he and his crew had seen a flying saucer while flying across the Sudan that morning.

Capt. Ainsworth said he saw the "saucer" just after dawn. It was flying parallel to this Comet airliner.

"It was like a very large green fire with a shower of red sparks behind it," he said. He called his navigator, first officer and engineer officer, who all saw the object and agreed it was either a flying saucer or an abandoned satellite.

May 19; Long Beach, Calif. -- Reports of twelve shiny objects observed maneuvering erratically over the area following two loud "skyquakes" (aerial explosions), and are under investigation by the Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee (LANS). The thunderous explosions, never explained, occurred about 3:00 p.m. At 3:50 p.m. the UFOs were sighted maneuvering with an odd fluttering motion high in the eastern sky. At 4:30 witnesses saw three jets sweep into the area in formation, and the UFOs disappeared. A few minutes later six of the objects reappeared and continued to mill around for another fifteen minutes before fading from sight.

May 20; Tyndall Air Force Base sighting reported elsewhere in this issue.

May 21; North Shore, L.I. -- Charles L. Newman, former airman, along with his father and brother sighted a bright-lighted UFO about 10:45 p.m. The object moved from NW to SE, stopped and lost altitude, then assumed an easterly course.

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NICAP note: Major Friend was obeying orders. It is now official AF policy to rush out an explanation for any UFO sighting which is reported by the press. The obvious purpose is to kill off press and public interest regardless of the facts and without checking reports -- even those by highly-trained, competent observers. More than once, in these hasty releases, the AF has avoided mention of confirmation by radar or by groups of skilled observers. Instead, it has given the impression that the UFO report was a simple mistake by a lone witness, as in the Stadvec case.

The Stadvec statement was secured by the Akron UFO Research Committee, which is working closely with NICAP. We are grateful for the Committee's cooperation.

UFO SIGHTINGS (Continued from page 6)

May 22; Clinton, Iowa -- Two cigar-shaped UFOs with bright halos of white light were spotted moving from W to E about 8:00 p.m. (CDT) by Bruce D. Henderson, of Fulton, Ill. The sun was on the western horizon at the time. The UFOs passed from high overhead to behind trees on the eastern horizon in about 30 seconds. No wings or other protuberances were visible and the objects made no noise.

May 23; Monett, Mo. -- Two unidentified objects which moved in unison were seen about 11:00 p.m. by Robert Willard, drug-store clerk, and another witness, Samuel Evans. The leading object appeared as an indistinct source of light, followed by a blinking light. Two smaller lights were visible on each object. The UFOs approached the town from the west, swept toward the north, doubled back eastward over the town. Total time of observation: 30 minutes.

May 27; Nashville, Tenn. -- A bright triangular object was seen over a wide area from 5:00 p.m. to sunset. Jets from Memphis Naval Air Station were scrambled but could not reach the altitude of the UFO estimated at 60,000 feet. Possible explanation: "Moby Dick" pyramid-shaped AF research balloon, but the Strategic Air Command in Colorado Springs, said no aircraft or balloons were known to be in the area. A photograph of the object obtained from the Nashville Tennessean by member Paul Norman is being analyzed by NICAP.

June 3; Manasca, Wisc. Reported by Police Chief Rod Taubel, a UFO was seen maneuvering over the area.

June 4; Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. -- A cigar-shaped or long elliptical UFO with a cluster of smaller unidentified objects were sighted in the early afternoon by Mrs. James W. Annis, librarian. At first the UFOs were motionless, then the smaller objects streaked across the sky to the large object. The UFOs were then obscured by trees in the foreground of the NE sky. Total time of observation: about ten minutes.

June 7; Helna, Mont. A UFO alternately hovering and moving at high speed, estimated at 100 feet in diameter by Under-sheriff Reed Collings, also was sighted by numerous Helena citizens. Collings, who observed the UFO with high-powered binoculars, said it seemed to be made of a "clear plastic" or similar material. A suggested "balloon" answer was ruled out by the UFO's high rate of speed when it disappeared on a southwest course. The weather bureau also stated it had no record of any balloon in the area.

June 9; Charleston, S.C. A rapidly moving round object, sighted between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m., was reported by three witnesses. One watching it with binoculars, described it as "fairly small, white with black around the edges. The 792d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron stated that all objects appearing on its radar screens at the time had been identified.

June 12; Waynesville. Ohio. An unknown object, described as "a ring of smoke with a ball of fire swinging around the outside," was seen for five minutes, before disappearing on a NE course.

June 19; Edinburgh, Scotland -- A cigar-shaped luminous object flashed overhead at terrific speed, visible for almost 30 seconds about 2:00 a.m. Witnesses told the Evening Dispatch (June 19) the UFO angled downward at about 25 degrees toward the northern horizon. An R.A.F. spokesman told the paper: "We know of this but we can make no comment on it whatsoever." Earler in the evening, about 10:30 p.m., dozens of people over a wide area around Edinburgh sighted a fast-moving fireball travelling NW to SE trailing sparks.

MYSTERY SATELLITE TRACKED

The discovery that a mystery satellite was orbiting the earth was revealed May 19th by the Smithsonian Observatory at Cambridge, Mass., which controls a worldwide network of tracking stations. Extracts from the official statement follow:

"Satellite tracking stations around the world have been asked to help track an unsuspected, unpredicted bright satellite. The satellite was first spotted, on May 18, at Jupiter, Fla. The observatory is trying to get other sightings and an orbit. The satellite is about as bright as Echo One and can be seen early with the naked eye under right conditions."

At Haleakala, Hawaii, Clifton Marsh, head of the local observatory, said Smithsonian officials also had alerted its network of highpowered, telescopic cameras to spot and photograph the mystery satellite.

One unexplained factor was introduced by a Smithsonian spokesman who stated that they had "no reason yet to believe the satellite is anything new, because such orbiting mavericks are spotted with some regularity."

As this issue goes to press, the mystery satellite still has not been identified.

June 19; Exeter, England -- A mysterious "flying object" was reported to have hovered stationary over Exeter today for more than an hour.

Officials at the local airport said, "We do not know what it is."

"It was seen on the radar screen and we have had it under observation for some time. We think it is pretty big. It appears to be shining brightly and is about 50,000 feet up."

June 19; Washington, D.C. area. In a confidential statement, a radio technician at a Government agency reported sighting a brilliant UFO which either divided into, or launched several smaller objects. Observed with 7-power binoculars, the small objects appeared round, less bright than the larger UFO first noted.

June 22; Altus AFB Oklahoma. In another confidential report, an AF member at Altus AFB described sighting of a UFO flying at the speed of a B-52, or faster, and an apparent chase by an F-89 jet just after the UFO disappeared from the observer's view.

June 22; Seattle, Wash. A cylindrical UFO which emitted an orange-colored exhaust was reported rising from a low altitude about sunrise. The object was described as tilting to a horizontal position, then disappearing behind trees. A few hours earlier, an oval or egg-shaped UFO, glowing an orange color, was reported settling toward the ground in the same area. (Report under investigation by APRA-NICAP Subcommittee in Seattle.)

June 26; New Brunswick, N.J. An elongaged, orange-glowing UFO, reported by a local merchant, was observed hovering over the Albany Street Bridge about 3 a.m., then swiftly moving away.

July 1; Sacramento, Calif. Several residents reported a bright UFO which zig-zagged across the sky, occasionally hovering, with its light blinking on and off.

July 5; Mt. Hope, Wisc. A rotating object, with blue and red lights seen at times, was reported flying at a low altitude near Mt. Hope. According to a press account, AF planes were sent to investigate, but Truax AFB denied knowledge of the report.

July 7; Muskegon, Mich. A UFO which "looked like two big metal bowls, one on top of the other, with a flashing light on top," was seen hovering at tree-top level. As reported to police by John Freeman and family, from Ft. Wayne, Ind., the UFO rose silently after a few seconds, then climbed rapidly out of sight. As it moved, the flashing white light became steady.

July 9; Burlington, N.C. A bright UFO about twice the size of Venus was sighted at 7:42 p.m. (EST) by Wm. E. DeLoach, a security officer for a Western Electric plant, and another witness.

July 10; Pontiac, Mich. A blimp shaped object flashing brilliant orange and white lights was sighted between 3:00 and 3:30 a.m. by dozens of witnesses, including police officers. Two teen-age boys, fishing at North Lake, fled when the UFO began descending nearby. Other witnesses included: Police Sgt. David Putnam and Patrolman Fred Souver, Waterford; Deputies Robert MacFarlane and Richard Hubble, Independence (confirmation of hovering at treetop level); and Corporal Maitland Landon, State Police, who sighted "a big, brilliant object at a high altitude" and insisted it was not a balloon. Selfridge AFB told police they would investigate the sightings but no official report has been released to date.

FACTS BEHIND THE "PANCAKE" STORY

Several members have inquired about NICAP's analysis of the so-called "spaceman pancakes" case publicized in April. Since we have been publicly accused of failing to investigate, here are the facts:

According to Joe Simonton, a plumber in Eagle River, Wisc., a spacecraft landed in his yard on April 18, and the crew exchanged three pancakes for a jug of water. One cake was sent to NICAP by County Judge Frank W. Carter of Eagle River. Without consulting us, Judge Carter told the press NICAP would analyze and publicly report on the cake.

On receipt, we first sent the cake to Prof. C.A. Maney, NICAP Board Member, for analysis by his colleague, chemistry professor Nathan Meltz. As Prof. Meltz was ill (he has since died) Prof. Maney returned the cake to NICAP. It was then sent to a New York laboratory chemist, Alexander D. Mebane, a NICAP adviser and an officer of Civilian Saucer Intelligence, N.Y. Mebane began preliminary tests of the fat content, taking IR and UV spectra, which indicated a common type of hydrogenated-oil shortening, melting at body temperature. Two factors delayed further tests. The cost of a chromatographic analysis would be $100; an isotope examination, taking four to five weeks, would cost $180. Second, Mr. Mebane was occupied with other problems which added to the delay.

At this time, NICAP's financial crisis was building up rapidly. Simultaneously, we were working hard for Congressional hearings. After Judge Carter's unapproved press statement about NICAP, scores of newspapers, radio and TV stations asked for our analysis -- a few obviously planning either tongue-in-cheek stories or open ridicule. We stated the analysis was incomplete, that we had no evidence to prove or disprove Mr. Simonton's claim, that we would publicly report any conclusion we reached, but that more urgent matters now took precedence over this contact report.

In May, Judge Carter inquired about news reports that NICAP was returning the cake unanalyzed. The Judge stated that, in one way, he would not blame us, since he too had been plagued by many phone calls. NICAP told Judge Carter the news reports were in error, that the analysis was being made. Since then, he has publicly accused us of evading the analysis, and has cooperated in open attacks on NICAP.

With NICAP short of financial security, we do not feel justified now in spending $300 or more on additional pancake analyses, when more urgent projects require funds. We might be flooded with requests to analyze all sorts of alleged UFO "items." However, we shall make public whatever final conclusions Mr. Mebane can draw without these expensive tests, and if any remnants remain after testing they will be returned to Judge Carter.

NICAP IN FLORIDA

A new investigative NICAP Subcommittee and a recently appointed Special Adviser, both situated on the east coast of Florida, have enlarged our network of investigators in that state. (Other Advisers in Florida are Capt. W.B. Nash, Pan American Airways; W. R. Peters, former PAA pilot; and Norman Bean, engineer for WTVJ, Miami.)

The Subcommittee, in Fort Pierce, is the first team of investigators for the state, and will be known formally as "Florida Unit #1." Chairman is Carl R. Thorbahn, businessman and former newspaperman, residing at 2408 South 19th St. The unit includes active newsmen, pilots, engineers, and amateur astronomers. The Subcommittee was formed after a series of UFO sightings in Fort Pierce early in April.

The new Adviser, Maj. John F. McLeod, USAFR Jacksonville, Fla. as reported in the last issue has gone on record opposing the official secrecy which he termed "dogmatic and ruthless." During a recent brief vacation trip to Florida Richard Hall, NICAP Secretary, and Walter N. Webb NICAP astronomy Adviser, conferred with Maj. McLeod. The new Adviser reiterated his belief that the UFO secrecy should be ended, and said he felt NICAP's work was very important and must continue.

Ham Operators to Help NICAP

In response to the request in our last issue, twelve amateur radio operators already have agreed to help collect and relay UFO sightings reports to NICAP. The names and call letters follow:

George E. Hoadley, Adrian, Michigan, 50.23 megc (6 meters) W8MTJ
David Ryon, Huntington, L. I., N.Y. WA2DVH
Willis L. Kibler, Ottawa Lake, Mich. W8CER
James A. Lee, Abilene, Texas, W5AAO
John Morel, Miami Beach, Fla., W4RWT
Gail H. Allwine, Everett, Wash., W7RDY
Jack Mollman, Benton, Ark., WPE5AE
Glen E. Zook, LaPorte, Indiana K9STH/AA9STH
Jerome R. Weiss, Covina, Calif., K6GAI
Winston D. Roberts, Shelbyville, Tenn., W4MPG
Carl A. Monin, Tullahoma, Tenn., W4WML
Wally Hollander, Ferdinand, Ind., (Channels 7-9-16) 18Q5204

We are grateful to these "hams" for the offer to cooperate, and we hope many others will join this "UFO network" in the near future. In several cases, ham operators already have speeded reports to NICAP which otherwise would have taken days to reach us.

NICAP greatly appreciates the renewals resulting from our emergency letter. Each of these memberships has been automatically extended from the previous expiration date.

The Attacks On NICAP

For over two years, the publisher of a certain UFO magazine has bitterly attacked NICAP as a tool of the AF, hiding instead of revealing UFO facts. Most NICAP members ignore these ridiculous charges, knowing that every NICAP official is fighting to end the unwarranted AF secrecy -- as this issue will prove to any reasonable person.

On this same page is the true explanation of the "pancake story," subject to the latest attack. Because a few members urge revealing the facts behind this publisher's charges, we will quote a few extracts from his letters to NICAP's director (all letters available to NICAP members at our office):

"Major Keyhoe, I admire you. I know exactly how sincere you are . . . Thanks for the information that NICAP is not a cover-up. I may keep harping on this occasionally, but maybe the publicity won't hurt my cause . . . You aren't subsidized. And further, I think you've lost your shirt . . . You can't avoid being a help to me, because maybe something you've found out will be what I'm looking for, . . ."

Some time ago, this publisher asked to take over printing the UFO Investigator and put it on sale on newsstands. NICAP would do all the writing work; our only benefit, free copies for members since they would be paying double the newsstand price. NICAP membership would soon dwindle to nothing.

When we refused, the publisher began violent attacks on all NICAP officials with any military background. Examples: "Put a man in uniform and he thinks he is God . . . What military man has added one g----- thing to this saucer investigation?"

When he challenged NICAP to answer in his columns, we refused. One of the many reasons is that we could not cooperate with a man who admits he is hiding UFO facts.

Claiming ten times the information known to the AF, this publisher wrote NICAP's director:

"What I have learned I have kept to myself. Nobody, but nobody, really knows what goes on in my mind as a result of my investigations . . . If you knew what I know about flying saucers, maybe you'd dissolve NICAP right now and drop out of sight."

We repeat: The full record is available at our office. We shall not waste further time or space in replying to this unfortunately embittered man.

The new book, "The Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects," by Prof. Charles A. Maney, NICAP Board Member, and Richard H. Hall, NICAP Secretary, is scheduled for first mailing the latter part of August. A review of the book will appear in the next Investigator. Copies of this book may be obtained for $3.50, postpaid. Checks or money orders should NOT be made payable to NICAP but to Richard Hall, #504 Willard Courts, Washington 9, D.C.